



PATENT: **Mail Stop AF**
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09877.0189

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re Application of:)
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Giacomo Stefano Roba *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 1731
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Application No.: 09/986,622) Examiner: John M. Hoffman
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Filed: November 9, 2001)
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For: METHOD AND INDUCTION) Confirmation No.: 5933
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FURNACE FOR DRAWING)
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LARGE DIAMETER PREFORMS)
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TO OPTICAL FIBRES)

Mail Stop AF
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.31

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision of the

Examiner mailed August 16, 2007.

The items checked below are appropriate:

1. ☒ A Petition for extension of time to respond to the final rejection was filed on December 13, 2007 with a fee of \$120.00, extending the period for response to December 16, 2007.
2. ☒ A Petition for extension of time to further extend the period for response to February 16, 2008 is enclosed together with a fee of \$930.00.
3. ☒ The Appeal Fee of \$500.00 (or \$250.00 if by small entity)
☒ is enclosed or ☐ is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0916
4. ☒ A check for **\$1,430.00** to cover the above fees is enclosed.
5. ☒ A pre-appeal-brief conference is requested. The request and supporting documentation are attached.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 13, 2008

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